

# Proposed Electricians (Scotland) Bill

## Introduction

A proposal for a bill to provide for the protection of title and registration of electricians. The consultation runs from 19 August to 10 November 2020. All those wishing to respond to the consultation are strongly encouraged to enter their responses electronically through this survey. This makes collation of responses much simpler and quicker. However, the option also exists of sending in a separate response (in hard copy or by other electronic means such as e-mail), and details of how to do so are included in the member's consultation document. Questions marked with an asterisk (\*) require an answer. All responses must include a name and contact details. Names will only be published if you give us permission, and contact details are never published – but we may use them to contact you if there is a query about your response. If you do not include a name and/or contact details, we may have to disregard your response. Please note that you must complete the survey in order for your response to be accepted. If you don't wish to complete the survey in a single session, you can choose "Save and Continue later" at any point. Whilst you have the option to skip particular questions, you must continue to the end of the survey and press "Submit" to have your response fully recorded. Please ensure you have read the consultation document before responding to any of the questions that follow. In particular, you should read the information contained in the document about how your response will be handled. The consultation document is available here: [Consultation Document](#) [Privacy Notice](#)

I confirm that I have read and understood the Privacy Notice attached to this consultation which explains how my personal data will be used

## About you

Please choose whether you are responding as an individual or on behalf of an organisation. Note: If you choose "individual" and consent to have the response published, it will appear under your own name. If you choose "on behalf of an organisation" and consent to have the response published, it will be published under the organisation's name.

an individual

Which of the following best describes you? (If you are a professional or academic, but not in a subject relevant to the consultation, please choose "Member of the public".)

Professional with experience in a relevant subject

**Optional: You may wish to explain briefly what expertise or experience you have that is relevant to the subject-matter of the consultation:**

This is a subject I have researched as a public policy consultant. I am also a local councillor, though have not addressed this issue in that capacity.

Please select the category which best describes your organisation

*No Response*

Please choose one of the following:

I am content for this response to be published and attributed to me or my organisation

Please provide your name or the name of your organisation. (Note: the name will not be published if you have asked for the response to be anonymous or "not for publication". Otherwise this is the name that will be published with your response).

Tom Miers, Capel Strategy

## Aim and approach

Q1. Which of the following best expresses your view of the proposed Bill?

Fully supportive

**Please explain the reasons for your response.**

The cost of faulty electrical installations in Scotland is significant - in terms of replacement work, fires and other damage caused, and even injury and deaths. A disproportionate amount of this is caused by under qualified and unregulated electricians, so sensible and proportionate measures to address this are welcome.

Q2. What do you think would be the main practical advantages of the proposed Bill?

It would encourage electricians to improve standards by acquiring training and qualifications, therefore improving the standard and quality of work.

Q3. What do you think would be the main practical disadvantages of the proposed Bill?

Modest costs of the scheme.

Q4. Which of the following best expresses your view of the establishment of a single register for electricians?

Fully supportive

Q5. Which of the following best expresses your view of establishing protection of title for electricians?

Fully supportive

## Financial Implications

Q6. Taking account of both costs and potential savings, what financial impact would you expect the proposed Bill to have on:

	Significant increase in cost	Some increase in cost	Broadly cost-neutral	Some reduction in cost	Significant reduction in cost	Unsure
<b>(a) Government and the public sector</b>				X		
<b>(b) Businesses</b>				X		
<b>(c) Individuals</b>					X	

**Please explain the reasons for your response**

The net gains from improved quality of electrical work are significant. Probably individuals would benefit most because they are least well placed at the moment to ensure high quality of work from contractors for reason such as the increased likelihood of them engaging sole traders (who are less likely to be qualified than larger businesses).

Q7. Are there ways in which the Bill could achieve its aim more cost-effectively (e.g. by reducing costs or increasing savings)?

All such legislation benefits from reviews after a period to assess their impacts, with legislators being willing to adjust the rules to ensure they are effective, proportionate, and result in net gains to society.

## Equalities

Q8. What overall impact is the proposed Bill likely to have on equality, taking account of the following protected characteristics (under the Equality Act 2010): age, disability, gender re-assignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation?

Neutral (neither positive nor negative)

Q9. In what ways could any negative impact of the Bill on equality be minimised or avoided?

*No Response*

## Sustainability

Q10. Do you consider that the proposed Bill can be delivered sustainably, i.e. without having likely future disproportionate economic, social and/or environmental impacts?

Yes

## General

Q11. Do you have any other comments or suggestions on the proposal?

*No Response*